

LaRC SAFETY HIGHLIGHTS

September 3, 2002

FY 2002 - Civil Servants



() = Number of new occurrences

OSHA Recordable Cases = Fatalities, Lost Time, Incidents and Restricted Work Incidents.
Incidents = Cases in which more than first aid treatment is required, but less than 8 hours of time is lost.
Restricted Work Incidents = Cases requiring first aid treatment, resulting in light duty restrictions.

Injury/Mishap Information

- The Center has been **218** days **without** a Civil Servant **Lost Time Injury**.
- Restricted Work Day Incident - A SMC employee using an oxy-acetylene torch to solder aluminum plates together, sustained a burn to the left hand. The appropriate personal protective equipment will be worn in the future to prevent recurrence of this type of injury. Five restricted work days incurred.
- OSHA Recordable Incident - An AAAC employee slipped on an exterior step of a facility sustaining contusions and abrasions to the right knee and hip. No hazards were found to be present on the stair.



VPP

Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) - The OSHA VPP Evaluation Team recommended on August 23, 2002, that LaRC be recertified as a STAR site. Thanks for everyone's participation in achieving this recertification.



Safety Topic of the Month - Ladder Safety - Accidents can be prevented by respecting potential hazards and taking the right steps to work safely from a ladder. Before using a ladder consider the following:

- Select the proper ladder for the job
- Inspect the ladder for defects
- Ensure the ladder is properly setup
- Don't carry heavy or bulky items when ascending or descending
- Face the ladder and keep three points of contact - two hands and foot or two feet and a hand